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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MISSISSIPPI'S AWARD-WINNING COUNTRY MUSIC STAR FAITH HILL UPON THE UNVEILING OF THE "MISSISSIPPI COUNTRY MUSIC TRAIL" MARKER IN HER HONOR ON DECEMBER 19, 2015.

WHEREAS, Faith Hill, the "Star" of Rankin County's Star community, received a singular honor on Saturday, December 19, 2015. The Mississippi Country Music Trail Marker unveiled its 30th marker to honor her at the corner of Main and Mangum Streets; and

WHEREAS, Faith Hill, with a passion for music and singing, as a young girl growing up in Star, moved to Nashville at the age of 19. Her debut album, "Take Me As I Am," was released in 1993. The album's first single, "Wild One," reached No. 1 on the Billboard Country Music Chart and stayed there for four weeks, followed by the second single, a version of Janis Joplin's classic "Piece of My Heart." "Take Me As I Am" went on to reach triple platinum status; and

WHEREAS, for more than two decades, she has achieved success in country and pop music as one of the top-selling and most awarded female artist of all time. She has broken chart records with 14 No. 1 singles and multiple albums topping both the Billboard Top 100 and Country Music Charts, with six certified multiplatinum studio albums and selling more than 30 million albums worldwide. She has won five Grammy Awards, 12 American Country Music Awards, four Billboard Music Awards, four American Music Awards, four People's Choice Awards and three Country Music Association Awards; and

WHEREAS, "I am so proud to be from Star and I am honored to receive this marker on the Country Music Trail," Hill said. "Growing up, my friends and I would hang out in the parking lot after church at Star Baptist Church, planning our lives and sharing our dreams. Having my marker near that church makes it even more special for me"; and

WHEREAS, Daron Wilson, Interim Director of Visit Mississippi, said Hill represents the state on an international level. "She is a prime example of the influence our state has had on country music, the soundtrack of the American South," he said in the news release. Hill is married to fellow Country Music Star Tim McGraw, and they live in Nashville with their three daughters. Hill also is a philanthropist and an advocate for the arts nationally and in her home states of Tennessee and Mississippi. Hill will bring her talents to daytime television as Co-Executive Producer of an

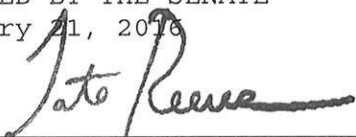
innovative new daytime talk show, billed as an informative, Southern-inspired and fun-filled celebration of everyday living and activities that will be shot in a modern farmhouse style home in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Rankin County, and especially Star, Mississippi, is proud to be the home of Faith Hill. We are proud to place a marker in her honor on the Mississippi Country Music Trail Marker in the heart of Star, the small town she grew up in; and it is with great pride that we recognize a Music Ambassador for the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby congratulate Mississippi's Award-Winning Country Music Star Faith Hill with the unveiling of the "Mississippi Country Music Trail" Marker in her honor on December 19, 2015, and recognize her influence on country music as the soundtrack of the American South.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Faith Hill and her family, forwarded to the Director of the Mississippi Development Authority and Division of Tourism, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
January 21, 2016



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
January 26, 2016



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES